Middle Level Principals Meeting <mark>w/ School Counselors</mark>
Tuesday, January 28, 2014

Précis

Updates
- SED Update

Meeting Topics

- **Regional Vision for PBL and New Tech Network Schools**
    - Review of regional plans
        - Innovation Tech (opening September 2014)
        - New Tech High @ CNY (Cortland County opening September 2015)
        - Baldwinsville New tech High (opening September 2015)
    - Innovation Tech at the Career Academy (Career Academy change)
        - Description
        - September 2014
        - Begin with grades 9 & 10
        - Students in grades 11 & 12 complete the Career Academy program, including CTE
        - Redesign space to support Innovation Tech model (Summer 2014)
        - InnovationTech.us is the website with information and explanatory videos
        - Contact information

- **Math Acceleration (and Double-Testing)**
    - Double-testing slides
    - What issues have arisen lately
        - 6th grade struggling with accelerated curriculum
        - 7th grade has to have more 8th grade in it
        - There is a big gap between what incoming kids should have learned and what they demonstrate (bigger than it has been in the past)
        - Move more 8th to 7th
        - Compacting 7th and 8th into one year is tough (background just not there)
        - Increased attrition
        - Placement concerns as well as programmatic and curricular concerns
        - Reading is an issue, too
        - Students really need to learn all of 7th and 8th in order to succeed in high school math
        - We are in the middle of the transition so it is particularly rough right now
        - Important to look at district data about math persistence
    - Next steps
        - Facilitate network of accelerating teachers
        - Ensure that there is good vertical coordination and conversation within the district
        - Try to be creative to find ways that students get all of 7th and 8th

- Rethink placement process
- Pay attention to messaging

Future meetings (and locations)
<mark>March 26, 2014, Center Conference Room, Administration Building, Henry Campus</mark>
May 28, 2014, Center Conference Room, Administration Building, Henry Campus